

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by rewriting the following paragraph as set forth below in marked-up form.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 6, of the specification to read as follows.

--In the present embodiment, the sample collection part 3 is formed of a generally cylindrical inner tube. The sample collection part 3 is formed with an opening 3a at its upper end and has an inner surface (3I) and outer surface (3O). The sample collection part 3 is also formed with a sample dropping part 3b for filtering the filtered sample at its lower end. The sample dropping part 3b is formed integrally with the sample collection part 3 so that it projects downward from the bottom surface of the sample collection part 3.--